

Know Before You Go 2024-2025

Buses and Parking

Book your bus to arrive at The Sheldon 20 minutes before showtime, and to leave The Sheldon 1 hour after show time. We recommend your bus approaches from Spring Avenue. *Staff and volunteers will be waiting to help your bus park in the appropriate place and give further instructions. Please stay on the bus until you have those instructions*. Buses park for free on the street in front of The Sheldon and in the lot. Cars park for free in the West Lot, on the right side of The Sheldon if you are facing the steps.

Tickets & Payment

Physical tickets will not be sent, but the seats reflected on your invoice will be reserved together, and you will be seated by ushers in the concert hall when you arrive. Your payment is due 30 days before the show. Payment online with a credit card is the preferred method, but your school can also send a check. Please contact the Director of Education if you have unusual circumstances. Ticketing and Payment Policies Document is included with your invoice.

Teacher Handbook

The teacher handbook provided includes recommended activities and resources related to the content of the show. It can be accessed on the web on the page for the specific show.

Concert Manners

Please coach your students in good concert manners before coming to The Sheldon Concert Hall. Good audiences love to listen to music and show their appreciation with applause, usually at the end of an entire piece and occasionally after a good solo by one of the musicians. Food and drink are prohibited in The Sheldon Concert Hall. Any device that makes noise is a distraction for both the performers on stage and your fellow audience members and should be put away. No photos or video are allowed during the performance. Restrooms are on the same level as the concert hall near the Art Galleries. Please encourage students to use restrooms at school or to use Sheldon restrooms before the concert begins. If a student does need to use the restroom during the performance, the best time to get up is between musical numbers.

Art Galleries

The Sheldon features seven art galleries in the Emerson Galleries building that adjoins the Concert Hall, including the Bellwether Gallery of St. Louis Artists, Gallery of Music, Gallery of Photography, Bernoudy Gallery of Architecture, the AT&T Youth and Emerging Artist Gallery and on the lower level, The Nancy Spiritas Kranzberg Gallery and Ann Lee and Wilfred Konneker Gallery. You are invited to contact The Sheldon and add a 30-minute visit to the galleries when you attend a Sheldon Education Program. This season the fall exhibition is open September 8- January 20. The spring exhibition is open March 8- May 4. In between, the gallery is closed for installation and is not available for tours. Tours are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and we can accommodate 35 students at one time. Groups with 70 students can be divided into two consecutive tours, totaling 60 minutes.

Health + Safety

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information on health and safety measures. To communicate the need for accessible seating, please indicate it on your reservation form. The Sheldon staff can direct you toward elevators. We recommend students that might have sensory or stimulation issues bring their own noise-cancelling headphones, but if you are surprised by a need for them, we have some in the box office.